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This drawbridge, the “Haarbrug” is just outside the city of Gorinchem. This city can be found in the province of South Holland. This imposing modern drawbridge spans the Boven (Upper) Merwede and it was completed in 2003. In the upright, open position it allows even the tallest ships to pass through. For more information why Gorinchem is called the Bastion City, go to pages 24-25.

Social functions calendar & Clubhouse contacts

The following upcoming Neerlandia Functions and Events will be organised by Neerlandia at the Rhein Donau Club in Myaree.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months.

For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger advertisements inside this magazine or contact the appropriate person of the Sub-organisation concerned as displayed on page 27.

April:

Sunday 3	"<u>Sunday Drive</u>" (Additional detail on page 23)	11am
Wed 6, 13, 20, 27	"<u>Wednesday Card Club</u>" (Additional details on page 27)	10am
Thurs 7, 14, 21, 28	"<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>" (Additional details on page 27)	8pm
Wed 6, 20	"<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>" (Additional details on page 9)	11am
Thurs 14, 28	"<u>Neerlandia Senior's Club</u>" (formerly the DJVV, see page 27)	10am
Fri 29	"<u>Maas & Waal Borrel</u>" (Additional details on page 10)	5.30pm

MAY:

Sunday 1	"<u>Sunday Drive</u>" (Additional detail on page 23)	11am
Wed 4, 11, 18, 25	"<u>Wednesday Card Club</u>" (Additional details on page 27)	10am
Thurs 5, 12, 19, 26	"<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>" (Additional details on page 27)	8pm
Thurs 14, 28	"<u>Neerlandia Senior's Club</u>" (formerly the DJVV, see page 12)	10am
Wed 4, 18	"<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>" (Additional details on page 9)	11am
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Clubhouse details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein Donau Club for all their activities.

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President's Report

On 26 February 2016, Neerlandia hosted its first Maas & Waal Borrel at our new clubhouse in Myaree.

On this occasion, both the German Honorary Consul Mr. Torsten Ketelsen and the Dutch

Honorary Consul Mr. Arnold Stroobach attended. Mrs. Marlene Porzig, RDC's President, was a special guest as well.

Much to my regret, I was unable to be with you that night as I was on holidays, arranged a long time ago.

However, as I was with you in spirit, I wrote a few words that I asked a Committee Member to read out on my behalf.

As this never eventuated, I thought it a good idea to have my speech published, so that I can still share my sentiments with you.

Albeit a while ago, I believe it is of great importance that you are aware of what I would have liked you to hear on that night.

Good evening Mr. Torsten Ketelsen, Mr. Arnold Stroobach, Mrs. Marlene Porzig, ladies and gentlemen!

Who could have thought that, when I booked my holidays almost two years ago, that the first Maas & Waal Borrel (formerly known as End of Month Drinks), would occur at the same time?

In the last 2 1/2 years we all have come a long way. For the Neerlandia Committee, the hard work of the last two years has resulted in finding this comfortable and welcoming environment for our Club.

For the Dutch Club Members themselves, the last two years were sometimes emotional years, as some of the older members felt that their home was being taken away from them.

And of course it is probable, that some RDC Members would welcome us with a faint sense of not knowing what the impact on their club might be. But for Neerlandia, a move from our old building had to happen.

This move, from the Neerlandia Club House to the Club House of the Rhein Donau Club has been a bold and a courageous one. It is a move that we think can be to the benefit of both Ethnic Communities.

We are still in the early stages of our cooperation and no doubt we will learn along the way.

What we should never forget though, is that by Rhein Donau and Neerlandia working together in

the way that we envision, we have created strong ties with our European neighbors in Perth. Together we have a strength that can only be beneficial for all involved - a strength that will guarantee a long future for both Clubs.

Tonight's presence of both Mr. Torsten Ketelsen Hon. Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany and Mr. Arnold Stroobach, Hon. Consul of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Patron of Neerlandia is an absolute honour for both Clubs and an acknowledgement of our cooperation.

I would like to thank both gentlemen for making time and effort to be here tonight.

I am very much looking forward to what is ahead of us and I wish all of us a long and happy Club Life.

From a ship presently crossing the Bass Strait, I will raise my glass to this:

Gezondheid / Prost!

News bits from the President.

Welcome.

The Neerlandia Community welcomes David.

Regular visitors of Maas & Waal Drinks will know Thomas.

Thomas travels in a safe and comfortable trailer connected to his Mum's bicycle.

Thomas would like us to know that his Mum, Marieke, has found a new playmate for him.

Last month baby brother David was born.

Congratulations to Thomas and his parents, welcome to the Neerlandia Community to David.



Final Move.

On Tuesday morning 15 March, Tony and I met early to prepare for the removalists, who arrived at 9.00am at 230 Cambridge Street in Wembley.

Boxes filled with goodies and Neerlandia's history were loaded in the truck to take them to Myaree.

In our new Club House we have a big storage space where all our belongings are now stored.

Neerlandia shares this storage space with



CONGRATULATIONS!
THE FOLLOWING PERSON IS NOW
A MEMBER OF
THE DUTCH SOCIETY
NEERLANDIA

Gerard Siero

The President's News Bits

Neerlandia's Sub-groups and everything is fitting in neatly. It is a relief to know that now all our belongings are in one place again, accessible for those in charge of activities.

Dutch Corner

The most precious part of the load was our Windmill. This Windmill is so fragile and so much a part of our Dutch identity. Those of you, who have visited our new Club House recently, will have seen the Windmill in all its glory in its new place. For those of you who are not familiar with the Club House in Myaree yet, please let me introduce the Dutch Corner:

A special "thank you" should go to Marlene and Hermine of RDC, who tirelessly assisted us with finding the best spot and position for our Windmill and other memorabilia.



In the beer garden we now have the official photograph of the Dutch King and Queen, the famous picture of 't Duyfken that used to be in the lounge, as well as the Dutch tricolor

and orange banner. We are very happy with this Dutch Corner.

Library Update

We are also proud to advise you that the Dutch language library is now up and running. Once the removalists had taken all the boxes with alphabetically sorted books to Myaree, Mies and husband Tom came in on the Thursday to organize it all. After a good clean, the books were placed on the shelves and the result is a very attractive and inviting library that is free for all to use.

The library is open on those days that RDC Clubhouse has activities:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday nights from 7.00 - 10.30pm

Saturday from 6.30 - 11pm

Sunday from 4.30 - 8.30pm

Every Wednesday from 10am - 1.30pm

Every other Thursday from 10am - 1.30pm

Everyone is welcome to borrow books, just leave your name and contact phone number on the list provided. That way Mies and Tom can



Mies in the Dutch library.

gauge what titles/authors are most popular. If you have modern Dutch language books printed after 1996, you are most welcome to donate those to our library. We are striving to have the most comprehensive Dutch language library in greater Perth.

But please, NO text books or other special interest books: novels only.

Thank you to RDC to provide us with so much space for our books.

The library is situated in the sport's hall, adjacent to the Karl's Bar. The space is clearly identified with the word LIBRARY on the door.

Once inside, please remove the white board for easy access; afterwards just wheel white board back again.

Card Clubs, Neerlandia's Seniors' Club and Bingo.

I recently visited the various Sub-Clubs during their activities and I was very pleased to see how everyone is settling in nicely. The space is light and comfortable, the atmosphere is very enjoyable.

If you have not been yet, again, I would like to urge



you to come and have a look. All Sub-groups are welcoming new members and with the delicious and ample lunches now provided by Chef Rudi, your membership of one of

our sub-groups will prove to be true outing.

Every Sub-group gives you the opportunity to visit as a guest and partake three times, prior to making a decision whether to join.

Winning with Bingo and socializing at the NSC happens in day time only; if

playing cards has your interest, you can either join the Wednesday Card Club (day time), the Thursday Night Card Club or the Monthly Card Drive on the first Sunday of the Month. Please check the second



as well as the last but one page of your magazine for details. I encourage you to take the step and to join - you'll be in for some good times!



The President's News Bits and In Memoriam

On a personal note.

I would like to thank those of you who are regularly asking after Barrie's well-being. On 18 March he came home after his first knee replacement and the second one will occur early May.

He is incapacitated but also very determined and stubborn to get flexible and independent as soon as possible. I will continue to spend most of my time at home, especially as he will not be able to drive himself for the next nine - twelve weeks (sigh). I would like to say a special "thank you" to Eric and Yolanda who have done a great job in hosting the February and March Maas & Waal Borrel. I also extend a big thank you to Eric's lovely daughters Nikita and Chloe, who are always there distributing flyers promoting activities and lending a hand cleaning up at the end of the evening. And Gerry, thank you for being our "rots in de branding".

Some Impressions of the March Maas & Waal Borrel.



Robert plays board games with the younger patrons.

Happy Easter.

Meanwhile I wish you a Happy and a Chocolate induced Easter.

See you all again soon.

Een groet,

Lianna

In Memoriam Thom Dercksen.

On the 13th of March Thom Dercksen, passed away. Thom's support for the Dutch Community started when he became the Honorary Dutch Consul in WA, but it did not end when he retired from that position many years later.

I have personally known Thom for more than 40 years and found him to be an extraordinary person, one who was always prepared to assist the Dutch Community, whenever his advice was needed or his presence was required.

Thom was our Honorary Dutch Consul during the 1970's, which was also the time that Princess Beatrix and Prince Claus visited Perth, before she was crowned Queen Beatrix.

Thom presented the Royal couple, on behalf of the Dutch Community in WA, a pair of Black Swans from the Perth Zoo. Swans that for many, many years graced the lakes of their Castle in the Netherlands.

Neerlandia was the only association that was supported by Thom, he also was the patron of DACWA and ANSWA.

Thom was a gentleman, had a kind heart and was extremely well liked by everyone. For this he will always be remembered and will be sadly missed. Our Sincere condolences go to Shirley, Sonya, Michelle and Karen, from the Dutch Society Neerlandia.

PL.

In Memoriam Marius van Moorsel.

On the 27th of February Marius van Moorsel passed away peacefully.

Marius has been a member of the Dutch Society Neerlandia for many years, although he did not often visit our clubhouse in Wembley.

Marius was one of those stalwarts in our community,



Eric with Hon Consul, Arnold Stroobach, Ambassador Ms Ruigrok and Joska Stroobach.



Yolanda taking orders in the Kitchen this time.

who did more than what was expected of him.

When a few decades ago the Hollandia Billiard Club lost their home at the rear of the Dutch Butchers in Welshpool, Marius proceeded to build a clubhouse on his property in Wattle Grove and the Members of the Billiard Club have been there ever since.

Unfortunately, when the Neerlandia Clubhouse was bought in 1972, there was no room to accommodate the Hollandia Billiard Players.

Over the years Marius was, besides their landlord, also a Committee Member and he was also made a Life Member for his long term contributions to the Billiard Club.

He was a gentleman, who will be sadly missed by all. Our Sincere condolences to Riet and her family from all the Neerlandia and the Hollandia Members.

PL.

De KookHoek.

Discover Holland's best kept secret: It's food! Our cuisine is not well known, but nonetheless exciting, flavourful and full of history. The Dutch Table is the most extensive, online resource for traditional Dutch food recipes and it is growing weekly.

Become a Follower, and like the page on Facebook for additional updates, discussions or exciting food news!

Witlofschotel.

Witlof, or Belgian endive, is a common vegetable in the Dutch kitchen. Although more favored by the older generation than the younger one, possibly because of its slightly bitter taste at times, the Dutch still purchase about 3 to 4 kilos per person a year of the chicory-related vegetable. It ranks in the top ten of most consumed vegetables in the country and really became popular during the mid-1900's.

It's often served as an oven casserole, with ham and cheese, like we're making today, or braised by itself and served in a Bechamel sauce with a pinch of nutmeg. Blue cheese and Witlof also make a great combination, either served raw in a salad or as a savory Witlof-pie. It's a very versatile vegetable, low in fat and tender in flavor to where it compliments stronger tasting fellow ingredients.

Witlof, meaning "white leaf", is originally a Belgian discovery from around the 1850's.

Chicory roots were grown because it provided an affordable substitute for coffee.

Left on their own device, in the dark, the roots grew white leaves that, upon discovery by farmer Jan Lammers, turned out to be edible and a welcome addition to the winter table. Farmers started selling some of it on the local markets and history was made. France is now the top producer of this white vegetable, with Belgium and the Netherlands



following close.

Another story relates that it was Francois Béziers, the head of the Botanical Gardens in Brussels who discovered that several stored chicory roots had produced white leaves. He sent some to Paris where they were eagerly purchased. And for good reasons too: Witlof as well as chicory root is beneficial to the liver and the gallbladder and contains large amounts of potassium and vitamins B and C.

Nowadays, full grown Witlof is produced in less than twenty days by forcing one year old roots in an area with a controlled temperature of about 50 F.

The harvest consisted of crops of white, creamy, slightly bitter tasting Witlof. A perfect winter vegetable to chase away the winter blues!

Witlof can be served raw or cooked. As a salad vegetable it barely needs much more than a splash of vinaigrette and maybe some citrus, as in a Witlofsalade.

Cooked, its tender nature benefits from more robust flavours.

Belgian endive will hold well, provided it is kept in a cool and dark location. Purchase smaller ones for eating whole. Larger endive will need to be cut in half and have the core removed as it tends to be rather hard and bitter.

Witlofschotel

4 Witlof

4 slices of ham

4 slices of cheese

1/2 cup shredded cheese

6 large potatoes

1 tablespoon butter

1/4 cup milk

2 teaspoons coarse

ground mustard

Remove the outer leaves if damaged, remove the stem end. Cut in half and

core the endive if it's

fairly large. Bring a

small pot of water to the

boil and quickly blanch the vegetables, then let them drain. Set aside.

Peel and quarter the potatoes and bring them to the boil. Cook until done. Pour off the remaining water, and mash the potatoes with the butter and the milk. Fold in the mustard. Taste and adjust with salt and pepper if needed.

Butter an oven dish and spread the mashed potatoes on the bottom.

Wrap each Witlof with a slice of cheese, then a slice of ham. Tuck in the ends. Place the Witlof on top of the mashed potatoes and cover with the shredded cheese.

Place in a 180 C oven for twenty to thirty minutes, until the cheese is melted and the vegetables are cooked.

Enjoy!

Source: (Met toestemming van) Nicole Holten, The Dutch Table: <http://www.thedutchtable.com>



The story of our new Dutch flag

When Neerlandia began to think about moving to other premises, one of our priorities was that we kept our own cultural identity. For that reason it was a very welcome suggestion from the RDC Committee and the RDC Members to have a Dutch flag placed next to the German one in the foyer of the RDC clubhouse.

We approached the Dutch Ambassador, Ms Annemieke Ruigrok. Please read the following correspondence and share our pride in the new Dutch flag in the not too distant future.

Geachte Mevrouw Ruigrok,

Mevrouw Ruigrok, ik wilde U graag op de hoogte stellen van het feit dat de Nederlandse Club in Perth, officieel Dutch Society "Neerlandia" WA Inc, per 1 februari 2016 gehuisvest zal zijn in het clubgebouw van de Rhein Donau Club in Myaree.

Na 2 1/2 jaar zoeken en praten is het ons, het Comité van de Nederlandse Club, gelukt om andere huisvesting te vinden voor onze leden. U zult begrijpen dat deze taak, het vinden van alternatieve huisvesting, niet makkelijk was. Er moest rekening gehouden worden met de emoties van de vooral oudere leden, die indertijd en vaak nog steeds, hun ziel en zaligheid in het Clubgebouw legden. Echter, de cijfers spraken voor zich en het was niet langer verantwoordelijk om een clubhuis te hebben zoals dat (bv) 47 jaar geleden gewoon was. Ook het gedrag en de verwachtingen van de jongere leden is totaal anders dan dat van de oudere, traditionele migranten uit de 50-er, 60-er en 70-er jaren. Er moest verandering komen in de zakelijke behartiging van het clubgebouw.

Dit geldt niet alleen voor Neerlandia, dit geldt voor de meeste etnische clubs waarvan inmiddels vele zijn opgehouden te bestaan of een totaal ander business model hebben moeten toepassen om het financiële hoofd boven water te houden.

Wij bij Neerlandia hebben het anders aangepakt, wij kozen voor een Noord-Europese benadering. De Rhein Donau Club bleek de ruimte en de goodwill te hebben om met Neerlandia samen te werken. De Rhein Donau Club is van origine een Duitse Club maar heeft zich door de jaren ontwikkeld tot een Duits sprekende club waarvan Zwitsers, Denen en ook Oostenrijkers lid zijn. Na overleg, dat in het totaal niet meer dan drie maanden heeft geduurd, bleek dat wij Nederlanders cultureel veel overeenkomsten hebben met onze "oosterburen"; ook heeft de Rhein Donau Club herkenbare vergrijzingsproblemen - een samenwerkingsverband leek dan ook logisch. Gezien de recente geschiedenis tussen de twee landen werd het voorstel om bij de Rhein Donau Club in te trekken door sommigen wat kritisch beoordeeld, maar, had dat niet gebeurd dan was er wel een ander emotioneel, bezwaar gerezen.

Uiteindelijk, na veel praten, uitleg en met wederzijds respect, kijken de meeste leden van onze club nu met een gezonde dosis nieuwsgierigheid uit naar het begin van ons clubseizoen dat op 1 februari begint.

Nu wij bij de Rhein Donau Club intrekken, is de grote uitdaging voor ons, het Comité in het bijzonder en de Club in het algemeen, het behouden van onze culturele identiteit. Wij zijn ons daar goed bewust van en wij hebben dan ook in overleg met het Comité van de Rhein Donau Club, wat typisch Nederlandse memorabilia meegenomen. Zo zal binnenkort, bij binnenkomst in de hal van ons nieuwe clubgebouw, een grote molen pronken die voorheen ook in ons clubgebouw stond. Het zal vooral de oudere leden goed doen om bij binnenkomst deze molen te zien. Ook zullen wij een plek krijgen om een prachtig ingelijste prent van 't Duyfken op te hangen.

Daarnaast heeft de Rhein Donau Club een van haar twee Duitse vlaggen verwijderd om plaats te maken voor de Nederlandse driekleur. Ik was hier zelf erg door getroffen omdat dit een prachtig voorbeeld is van modern, Noord Europees denken.

Mevrouw Ruigrok, is het mogelijk denkt U, dat U als Ambassadeur van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden een Nederlandse vlag met vlaggenstok aan Neerlandia schenkt? Het gaat niet om de financiële kant, uiteraard kan Neerlandia zelf een vlag kopen, het gaat mij om het gebaar en de achterliggende gedachte van dit gebaar. Als President van de Dutch Club in WA zou ik het bijzonder op prijs stellen als ik in ons tijdschrift kan vertellen dat de Nederlandse Ambassade in Australië ons de vlag geschonken heeft.

Ik denk dat zulk een gebaar ook psychologisch goed zou zijn.

Ik ben mij ervan bewust dat mijn brief in het algemeen en mijn verzoek in het bijzonder, wellicht wat ongebruikelijk is maar ik wilde U persoonlijk benaderen en inlichten over de enorme hoeveelheid werk die de afgelopen 2 1/2 jaar door ons verzet is om de Nederlandse Club in WA te behouden en om de toekomst van deze Club te verzekeren.

Ik denk dat het ons gelukt om een Nederlandse vlag te krijgen, geschonken door de Ambassadeur van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden, dan zou dat voor het Comité van Dutch Society "Neerlandia" WA, Inc. een kroon op het werk zijn.

Ik hoop dat U de tijd kunt vinden om over mijn verzoek na te denken.

Tevens hoop ik dat U en wij, Neerlandia, in de naaste toekomst meer zullen samenwerken ten behoeve van de Nederlandse Gemeenschap in Perth en WA, iets dat mij erg na aan het hart ligt.

Wellicht kunnen wij U bij Uw volgende bezoek aan Perth in ons nieuwe gebouw rond leiden.

Dat is iets waarnaar ik nu reeds kan uitkijken.

Met vriendelijke groeten en

met de meeste hoogachting verblijf ik,

Lianna Parker, President

Zeer geachte mevrouw Parker,

wil ik U eerst van harte danken voor Uw uitgebreide brief van 27 januari jl, die ik met veel aandacht en plezier heb gelezen. Ik wil U feliciteren met het bereikte resultaat. Via het blad van "Neerlandia" en Honorair Consul Arnold Stroobach was ik op de hoogte gehouden van de ontwikkelingen rond "Neerlandia" en ik denk dat U trots mag zijn op wat nu is bereikt.

Ik vind het inderdaad een mooi gebaar om als Ambassadeur een Nederlandse vlag te schenken en ik doe dat dan ook met genoegen. Daartoe zou ik graag weten hoe groot de vlag moet zijn – zodat deze even groot is als de Duitse. Ik zou deze vlag graag zelf meebrengen bij een volgend bezoek aan Perth zodat ik deze dan persoonlijk kan overhandigen aan "Neerlandia"

Met vriendelijke groet,

Annemieke Ruigrok,

Ambassadeur



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To reflect this change, we're now called CURA and we have a brand new logo.

To find out more or arrange for an obligation-free visit from one of our Care Team simply call (08) 9382 1983.



Card Club Neerlandia !!Wanted - Klaverjas Players !!

The Neerlandia Card Club has moved from Wembley to the Rhein Donau Club at 110 North Lake Road, Myaree.

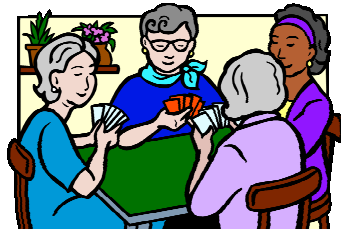
Players meet every Thursday evening in the Karl's Bar from 7.00pm onwards, initially for a chat over a cup of coffee or a drink from the bar.

Other games also played are: Jokeren and Bolivia. The Bolivia players start at 7.00pm, but the Klaverjassers and Jokeren players start playing at 8pm.

Are you interested, just come along or contact the following for more information:

Murray Koedyk on: 9337 6923
E-mail: koedyk.m.a@amnet.net.au

Beginners, lessons will be considered



Bingo at the Rhein Donau Club in "The Old House"



B I N G O - W E D N E S D A Y - B I N G O

Day games only: 6th and 20th of April
4th and 18th of May



Game starts at 11am—Doors open at 10am
Bingo games are a great way to relax and to catch up
with other people, having fun and winning some money.

—————▶ *Cost of soup with bun is \$5.00, coffee/tea provided, self help.* ◀—————

**SO JOIN US FOR A BINGO GAME AT OUR NEW LOCATION IN
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Bingo Game on Wednesday 24 February.
With only 4 players we still laughed a lot.
Welcome George, being a first time player.



Bingo Game on Wednesday 9 March.
The same group as last time but still having
a lot of fun together playing Bingo.

B I N G O B U L L E T I N *From your friendly Bingo organisers.*

With the poor attendance of the last 2 games, we needed to evaluate what was happening.

After listening to the regular players from the past games, we came to the conclusion that with an adjustment of the cost of the full Bingo book, we would increase the attraction to play Bingo. So herewith we announce that as from 24 March, the cost of a full Bingo book will be reduced **from \$18.00 to \$10.00.**

This means that for a total of \$15.00, you can now play Bingo, including the \$5.00 lunch.

We would like to point out that with the reduction, the cash prizes will also be reduced. The whole Bingo game is designed to have fun and meet and enjoy each other's company and that is why we are a Member of a Club like Neerlandia, our Dutch Club. We don't need to make money at the Bingo as long as we can cover our costs in doing so.

Will we be seeing you at our next Bingo session?? We hope so!!!!

Henk Oorschot and Louis James.

Information: Henk Oorschot 9256 1977

Maas and Waal Borrel (Formerly End of Month Drinks)

Maas and Waal Borrel on Friday the 26th of February.

The eagerly awaited first Maas & Waal Borrel Night to be held at the Rhein Donau Club finally took place on Friday the 26th of February. The turnout was great as some 135 people attended.

For many it was their first ever attendance at the Rhein Donau Club and at the beginning everyone seemed a little bit overawed by it all, standing around trying to absorb the different atmosphere, the layout and surroundings.

But this did not last very long as everyone soon caught the eye of someone else they knew; they started talking, which broke the ice and soon they all settled down at their tables. Everything was done to make the Dutch Community welcome. The bar offered drinks they normally do not sell such as Heineken and Grolsch Beer, Jonge Jenever and even Advocaat.

The Kitchen did their part as it served a Dutch menu. This of course was greatly assisted by the fact that Chef Rudi had worked for many years in the Netherlands. I did feel a bit sorry for the kitchen counter staff, who seemed a bit overawed as they tried to come to grips with writing down the orders for the Dutch Food at the same speed as they customarily write down the German orders, which was quite understandable of course. Everything was a bit new and strange, but the good news is that everything should settle down and things will go better and faster as time goes by.

However, all the for mentioned efforts helped greatly with creating a bit of a Dutch atmosphere.

Was it enough, or do we expect more, such as some Dutch music or possibly Videos? Time will tell, no doubt the Neerlandia Committee Members that were present will discuss these issues.

On this first night we had some special Guests. The Honorary German Consul, Torsten Ketelsen, the Dutch Honorary Consul Arnold Stroobach and his wife Joske and the president of the RD Club Marlene Porzig.

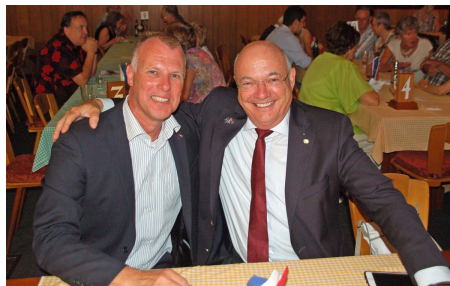
The Neerlandia president Lianna Parke had to apologise as she was in Tasmania to honour a long-standing commitment, but she was represented by Henry Koldenhoven, our Treasurer.

During the speeches, comments were made that Social and Ethnic Clubs are struggling everywhere and stressed the importance of this mutual co-operation. This co-operation has no losers, only winners and it would benefit the Members of both Communities in the long term.

Early comments from the guests were that most were very impressed with the quality, the atmosphere and size of the Clubhouse and the excellent parking that was available.

The next Maas and Waal Borrel will be on Friday the 29th of April, see you all there.

PL.



The Honorary Dutch Consul, Arnold Stroobach and the Honorary German Consul, Torsten Ketelsen.



This Children's Paradise is huge!

Maas and Waal Borrel (Formerly End of Month Drinks)



The attendance for our first Maas & Waal Borrel was above expectations.



Theo, Regine and Jose.



It is a large meal but I'll do my best.



Gerry, Vera, Ray and Tony sharing a joke!!



Marlene, President of the RDC and Regine.



Neerlandia Seniors Club (NSC)

Welcome to the Neerlandia's Seniors Club Page.

On this page we would like to show you what our Members are up to, when we meet for their fortnightly lunch at our new venue in Myaree.

You will see them playing cards in various groups, going hell for leather shovelling discs at the sjoelbak table, bowling large balls on the green carpet, trying to get their ball as close as possible to the little white ball, which is called a **Jack**. In a separate room there is a large billiard table where the guys play 8-ball pool, testing their skill with the cue.

With Easter coming up, everyone received a chocolate Easter egg and a carton of eggs to take home for Easter.

All this is available to you, as a Member of the Dutch Club Neerlandia. So come along and join your fellow Club Members and live it up in your retirement.

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO MEET AND HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

36 Members on Thursday 3rd March.

39 Members on Thursday 17th March





April 2016

CURA IN-HOME CARE NEWSLETTER

The Official Publication of Dutch Aged Care Western Australia Inc.
Trading as Cura In-Home Care

We moved into our new office.

We finally moved at the end of January to East Victoria Park. It is a nice, modern office and we have included some photos for you to have a look at.

We have been very fortunate that a client had made our organisation a beneficiary of his estate.

The whole team is located on the same floor and we can now communicate directly with each other.

Even the Board has a nice room, which we also use for our staff meetings.

We are still busy with sorting things out.

Unfortunately, we do not have much storage space.

Give us another couple of weeks and pictures will be up and we will be ready for an official opening. If you are in the area, please feel free to visit us.



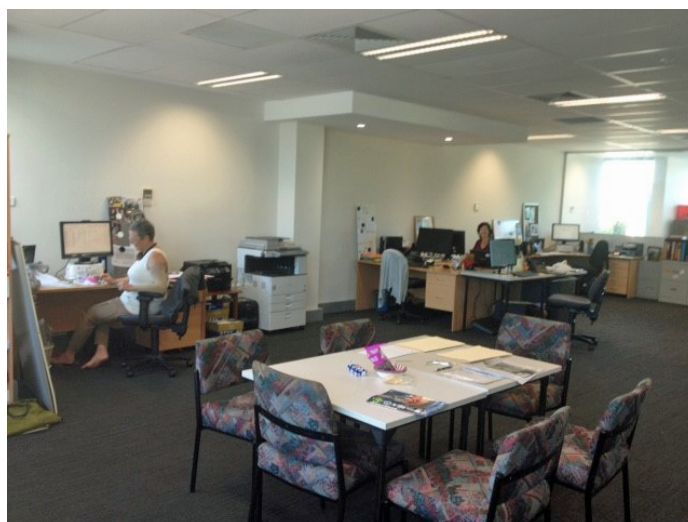
Please remember to tell your friends and neighbours about our services. Please also note that we are able to take other Nationalities too.

Our service is not limited to cleaning or shopping. You can use your funding for many more things, like garden services if you cannot do it yourself any longer, or for some equipment to make your home environment safe and more comfortable.

We do know that for many older folk the social support is also very important, we can provide culturally appropriate services. We are very fortunate to have Support Workers who speak more than one language.

If you have any questions, please call the Care Team on: 9382 1983

Our new address is: Unit 3/8 Welspool Road, East Victoria Park WA 6101



News from the Volunteer program (CVS)

It is with great excitement that Jose and I (Annegret) are getting involved in the CVS Program at CURA. We have been working with our CVS Coordinator Babette during her last two weeks to get to know the program and the people involved.

As you might be aware, Jose and I have been working in the CURA Care Team for many years.

Our working hours will now be split between the CVS and the Home Care Package Program. This means that at least one of us is available on Weekdays from 7am to 2pm for our Volunteers and Recipients. We will work hard to provide support for this program, which due to Babette's limited working hours, was not always possible.

If you like to contact us, please call 9382 1983 or email us on: cvs@cura-inhomecare.org.au

The CVS Program has gone through many changes in office staff during the last years and we are aware that frustration levels within our volunteer base were sometimes high. But we are absolutely amazed by the commitment and dedication of our volunteers who pulled the CVS program through these difficult times.

To acknowledge the work that our volunteers are doing, we have booked a lunch at Miss Maud's in the City for the 8th of April at 12.30pm.

Please RSVP us by the 1st of April.

Jose and myself are looking forward to meet everybody. At this lunch we will also say 'Good Bye' to Babette, who decided that it is time to retire at the end of March.

She will, however, volunteer for the CVS Program and she will be contacted often by us for advice.

Kind regards,

Annegret and Jose.

Training for our Support Workers

It is very important that we keep up the training for our staff. This time we thought we should use a topic, which will help our staff outside work too. The training was about how to deal with all those changes in a fast everyday life we are living in.

Ken Rogers has been a coach for over 30 years and he delivered this workshop. He made it very engaging, involving staff in group work, asked many questions and was well prepared to answer ours too. Most of the staff admitted that they learned a lot from this session.



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Cura in-home Care Newsletter

Babette will enjoy her retirement.

My time has come to say goodbye to all the lovely volunteers I have had the privilege to meet and share their stories of the wonderful recipients they visit. I started in August of 2014 as an assistance to the Coordinator for the CVS program. It has been quite a challenge to get to know most of the fantastic Volunteers.



I will now become a volunteer like you. I believe I can make a recipient happy by spending time, reading to them, maybe sing a song in their language. Thank you very much for your support and I hope that we will see each other at workshops.

My wish for the CVS program is that they prosper in the years to come.

José and Annegret are very enthusiastic and

will give their best to continue the CVS program.

Cheers,

Babette.

Support Coordinator Sabine.



Sabine first started with us as a Support Worker in 2014.

Originally from Germany, she has been in Australia for over 30 years now. Before joining CURA she spent 8 years as Deli Manager at her local IGA where her passion was to always give great customer service.

When considering a change in career, a suggestion made

by a customer led to an interest in Aged Care. After attending a CURA Consumer Christmas party as a guest of a family member, Sabine was impressed with the level of care given to our consumers and applied to join us as a support worker.

Sabine has completed Certificate 3 in Aged Care, Certificate 3 in Home and Community Care and is currently working towards completion of Cert 4 in Home and Community Care.

She also holds a Certificate 4 in Training and Assessment.

In August 2015 Sabine was appointed as Support Coordinator, a role which she enjoys as she is able to maintain contact with our consumers.

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The Neerlandia Windmill in our new Clubhouse.



Manoah Annual Market Day.

Once again Manoah will conduct their Annual Market Day Fundraiser.

When: Saturday 30 April.
Time: 9.00am to 1.00pm.
Where: 86 Mills Road West, Martin

There will be many and various stalls such as:
White Elephant
Clothing
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Croquettes
Coffee & Cake & our Dutch Oliebollen

We will also have:
Touch Animal Farm
Jumping Castle
Kit Bergin the Ventriloquist and
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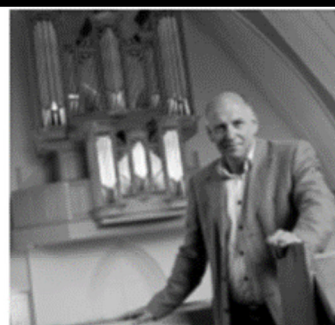
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DATE	VENUE	TIME
April 8	Wesley Uniting Church, Perth (William Street)	8:00 p.m.
April 9	Chapel of St. Mary & St. George (Guildford Grammar School)	2:30 p.m.
April 10	Free Reformed Church, Armadale- Organ & Audience Singing	7:30 pm.
April 15	Free Reformed Church, West-Albany	8:00 p.m.
April 16	Free Reformed Church, Albany	8:00 p.m.
April 17	Free Reformed Church, Albany- Organ & Audience Singing	7:30 p.m.

CD's and sheet music will be available at the concerts.

Entry at concerts is by donation or collection.

Contact: Andrew Kroeze (9841 4088) kroeze@bigpond.com

Some useful information about the Rhein Donau Club.

The Rhein-Donau Club was established 1958 and has been operational in Perth since 1959 at its present premises in Myaree. The club has been established with its prime objective to provide a facility for people from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands and other Europeans and residents from Western Australia, who enjoy the culture, music, culinary delights and customs of countries embraced by the two major rivers of Europe; namely Rhine and Danube.

The Rhein-Donau Club is a non-profit, non-denominational and non-political organisation and is operated by volunteers. All money raised are channelled to the maintenance and improvements of the Club facilities, promotion of educational and cultural activities and assist the care of aging club members.



Welcome to the Rhein-Donau Club!

- We hold regular Saturday night dances with a live band from 6:30pm to midnight.
- German Cuisine and drinks.
- The Club operates a number of very active cultural and sporting groups.
- We hire out our facilities for your private parties, conventions or meetings.
- We hold Oktoberfest every Friday and Saturday in October .

Social events planned for April at the Rhein Donau Club.

Saturday 2 April	Black and White night --DJ
Friday 8 April	Beer Garden --DJ
Saturday 9 April	Club dance---Step Back
Saturday 16 April	Western Night --West Cost Rhythm
Saturday 23 April	Club dance -- Aerotec
Friday 29 April	Maas & Waal Borrel
Saturday 30 April	30th Club dance --Eurasia

Apart from the events mentioned above, the clubhouse is open for drinks and meals at the following times:

Bar:

Tue, Wed, Friday	from 6.30pm – 11.00pm
Saturday	from 6.30pm – midnight
Sunday	from 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Restaurant:

Wed and Friday	from 6.00 – 9.00pm
Saturday	from 6.30 – 10.30pm
Sunday	from 6.00 – 8.00pm

The Bar and Restaurant are closed on Mondays and Thursdays.

For more information on the Rhein Donau Club and the Restaurant Menu, please visit: <http://www.rheindonaclub.iinet.net.au/>

Sunday Klaverjas Drive & The Chess Tournament

Results of the Sunday Klaverjas Drive held on the 6th of March 2016.

The first players started to arrive about 10am, but as we had expected there were less people than the previous month. It just so happened to be a long weekend, which always seem to affect the overall attendance. But we still had 20 players, which gave us 4 playing tables, which is still a satisfactory result.

The most pleasing fact was that we had one first time player, who had never been before. We were once again allowed the use of the intimate Karl's Bar as it is a cool and cosy room. We were also given permission to wash up our dirty cups in the sink of the bar, as Pieter already was in possession of the key.

Lunch was once again prepared by Chef Rudi and this time around it was even better than last month.

The Lunch consisted of 2 slices of bread on a large platter. The bread was literally smothered with sliced continental smallgoods, with a sprinkling of salad on the plate as well.

It was absolutely delicious and a lunch like this on its own is worth more than the entry fee.

Of course it was very much appreciated by all present.

After a fierce competition, the score cards were checked and the winners were announced.

This time the points were not as high as usual but only 30 points separated the 1st and 2nd prize winners.

But who would believe that two of last month winners were once again amongst the prizes. And who else but Ann Verhoogt, who claimed the second prize this time around.

Prize Winners:

1st prize:	Piet Segers	6844 points
2nd prize:	Ann Verhoogt	6814 points
3rd prize:	Elly Schenkelaars	6736 points

Congratulations go to the prize winners!!
Well done!

For those players that missed out on the



The Winners: (l.t.r.) Ann Verhoogt, 2nd prize; Piet Segers, 1st prize; Elly Schenkelaars, 3rd prize.

prizes, you need to make a better effort in future with more concentration. I am sure everyone agrees with me and would like to see other names on the winners board!

Also a very big thank-you to Thea, who looked after the day's finances and Gerry, who organised the event as well as the lunch and of course both for the cleaning up during as well as after the games.

Pieter.

Chess Tournament at the Rhein Donau Club.

While the Neerlandia Sunday Drive was in progress, another tournament was being held in the same clubhouse.

Visiting British Grand Master Chess Player Nigel Short was in Perth and he challenged the best 30 WA Chess Players for a **simultaneous** competition. This meant in layman's terms that the grandmaster plays on 30 boards and continuously moves from chessboard to chessboard until all 30 games are decided.

We were unaware that this competition was taking place and on leaving the premises the Neerlandia Card Players were reminded to keep their voices down as Chess is a very serious mind game, usually played without any sounds whatsoever.

Our apologies are offered, if in our ignorance we did make more noise then we should have.

For the record, of the 30 games played by the Grandmaster, he won 25, drew 4 and lost only one to a 16-year-old Patrick Wong.

That's why they call him a Grandmaster!

IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on 27 February 2016
Life Member of the Hollandia Billiard Club

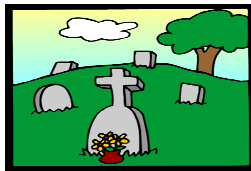
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Our sincere condolences to Riet and her family
from the Hollandia Billiard Club Members
and the Dutch Society Neerlandia

Passed away on 13 March 2016

Thom Dercksen

Ex Hon Dutch Consul
Our sincere condolences to Shirley and her family
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The cloth is laid on slate, which has a heater incorporated.

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The Hollandia Billiard Club.



The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of April 2016**. We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**

Johan	Fuchter
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Knutselmiddag (Crafts Afternoon)

Knutselmiddag for Neerlandia Kids - Easter Activities.

On 12 March around 20 enthusiastic kids and their parents came to the RDC Club House to spend a few fun hours on doing crafts for Easter.

It was a miracle to see how carton boxes, bits of paper, parts of hoses and plastic particles were changed into science like machines, shields and swords or futuristic art - and those were the boys.

The girls had a different angle at art and finer products appeared on their long tables.

The RDC Sport's Hall was turned into the Art's room while the parents, if not involved with the creative activities, sat in the Beer Garden with a fine beer or a (kinder) menu'tje from the restaurant.

It was a truly pleasant afternoon and the mess created by the artists was easily cleaned up as everyone lent a hand.

Great afternoon, great initiative.

Next Kids' Activity afternoon is scheduled for a Sunday in May. Details to follow.

Lianna



The four mothers that organised it all:
Diana, Sylvie, Marloes en Elena.



Glue is sticky stuff.



I made this, but what is it?



Mum helping out.



Dad helping out.



MAAS EN WAAL BORREL

29 APRIL

5.30 – 9.00PM

KONINGSDAG!

Wij organiseren een vrijmarkt waar kinderen hun tweedehands speelgoed kunnen verkopen

We are organizing a traditional "Free Market" where kids can sell their good secondhand toys

In the Beer Garden at the Rhein Donau Club 6 - 7.30PM

110 North Lake Road, Myaree

Ongeveer 20 kinderen!

RESEVEER NU!

Breng een kleedje om hun
speelgoed op te zetten

Dan kan je kind het verkopen voor
een paar dollar of ruilen voor
ander speelgoed

About 20 kids

Reserve now!

A blanket for the kids to display
their goods

The kids can then sell it for a few
dollars or swap with the other
kids there

so? Vind je dit een goed idee?
Neem dan contact op met Mariska om een plekje te reserveren.

Like this idea then contact Mariska to reserve a spot
Mariska mariska@eppo.net.au or 0413994728

Leuk dat je komt, tot de 29^e april

Looking forward to see you there



The Italian wedding test.

I was a very happy man. My wonderful girlfriend and I had been dating for over a year. So we decided to get married. There was only one little thing bothering me.

It was her beautiful younger sister, Sofia. My prospective sister-in-law was twenty-two, wore very tight miniskirts, and generally was braless. It had to be deliberate, as she never did it around anyone else.

One day she called me and asked me to come over to check my sister's wedding invitations.

She said she was home alone when I arrived.

Then she whispered to me that she had feelings and desires for me. She couldn't overcome them anymore.

She told me that she wanted me to be with her just the one time before I got married.

Well, I was in total shock and I couldn't say a word.

She said, "I'm going upstairs to my bedroom, if you want one last wild fling, just come upstairs".

I was stunned and frozen in shock as I watched her go up the stairs. I stood there for a moment, then made a bee-line straight to the front door. I opened the door and headed straight towards my car.

To my shock, my entire future family was standing outside, all clapping! With tears in his eyes, my father-in-law hugged me.

He said: 'Paulie, we are very happy that you have passed our little test. We couldn't ask for a better man for our daughter.

Welcome to the family, my son!'

Every story has a moral and the moral of this story is:

"Always keep those essential items in your car."

You need more than brains to become a Lawyer.

A young jackaroo from outback goes off to, Queensland University but halfway through the semester he has squandered all of his money. He calls home.

'Dad,' he says, 'you won't believe what modern education is developing... they actually have a program here in Brisbane that will teach our dog Ol' Blue how to talk.'

'That's amazing!' his Dad says. 'How do I get Ol' Blue in'

'Just send him down here with \$2,000,' the young jackaroo says, 'I'll get him in the course.'

So his father sends the dog and \$2,000.

About two-thirds through the semester, the money again runs out. The boy calls home once more.

'So how's Ol' Blue doing, son?' his father wants to know.

'Awesome! Dad, he's talking up a storm... But you just won't believe this. They've had such good results with talking, they've begun to teach dogs how to read.'

'Read?' exclaims his father, 'No kidding! How do we get Ol' Blue in that program?'

'Just send \$4,500. I'll get him in the class.'

The money promptly arrives. But our hero has a problem.

At the end of the year, when he goes home, his father will find out the dog can neither talk nor read. So he has the dog put down.

When he arrives home at the end of the year, his father is all excited. 'Where's Ol' Blue? I just can't wait to talk with him, and see him read something!'

'Dad,' the boy says, 'I have some grim news. Yesterday morning, just before we left to drive home, Ol' Blue was in the living

room, in the recliner, reading the Wall Street Journal.

Then he suddenly turned to me and asks: "Is your daddy still having an affair with that little redhead barmaid at the pub?"

The father groans and whispers: 'I hope you shot him before he had a chance to talk to your Mother!'

'I sure did, Dad!'

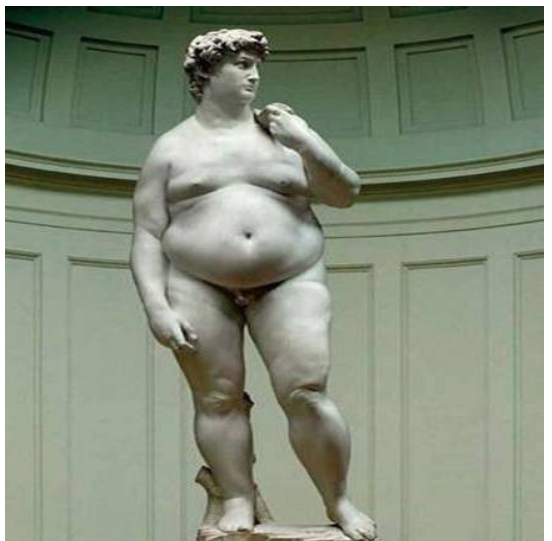
That's my boy!'

The kid went on to be a successful lawyer with a large Aussie Law Firm.

A bit of cultural will not go astray!



After a two year loan to the United States, Michelangelo's David is being returned to Italy.



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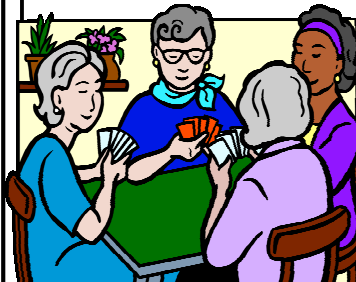
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The Bastion City of Gorinchem



Gorinchem also called **Gorkum** is a city and municipality in the province of South Holland, Western Netherlands. The municipality had a population of 35,271 in 2014. Gorinchem is an old town which developed from a fishing settlement on the banks of the rivers Merwede and Linge around the year 1000.

Waalwijk's Flag & Coat of Arms.

It is situated 40 km east of Rotterdam on the north bank of the Merwede River, where the picturesque river Linge flows into it after passing through the old town centre.

Surrounding the town is the typical Dutch river landscape: water, green meadows, willows, dykes and windmills.

"Goriks Heem" is first mentioned in a document from 1224 in which Floris IV granted people from Gorinchem exemption of toll payments throughout Holland.



Somewhere between 1247 and 1267, Gorinchem became property of the Lords of Arkel.

The City's Defence System:

At the end of the 13th century earthen mounts reinforced with palisades were built around the settlement to protect it from domination by the neighboring counties of Holland and Gelre. Half a century later real city walls were built, complete with 7 gates and 23 watchtowers. Otto van Arkel granted it city rights on 11 November 1322.

City Gates, City Walls and 11 Bastions.

These walls were started in 1609 and were placed farther from the town centre, making the city twice as large.

In 1673 Gorinchem became part of the defensive Dutch Water Line.

The city walls had four city gates: the Arkel Gate in the north, the Dalem Gate in the east, the Water Gate in the south (where the ferry to Woudrichem was) and the Kansel Gate in the west. Of these four gates only the Dalem Gate remains.

The others were removed in the 19th century to make way for vehicle traffic. A portion of the Water Gate was preserved in the gardens of the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam.

In the 16th century the city walls were so deteriorated that they were replaced with new fortifications and eleven bastions, that are still almost completely intact nowadays.



The Dalem Gate.

Early History:

Jan van Arkel had a dispute with Albert I, brother of Willem V of Holland, which led to war and subsequently to the annexation of Gorinchem to Holland in 1417. This resulted in increased trade and Gorinchem grew to be the eighth largest city in Holland.

On 9 July 1572, the Watergeuzen (Dutch rebels against Spanish rule) conquered the city and captured 19



Most of the old fortifications can still be seen in this city and tours are available.

The Bastion City of Gorinchem



One of the many canals in Gorinchem

Catholic priests and monks because they refused to renounce their faith. These priests and monks were brought to Brielle where they were hanged and were from then on known as the Martyrs of Gorkum.

Economy:

In the 18th century, the economy went into decline. After the French domination, the retreating French troops took station in the bastion fortress of Gorinchem. After a three-month siege they capitulated but the city was heavily damaged.

During the Industrial Revolution, Gorinchem recovered. Increased shipping led to new canals being dug and a railway connection was made with the city. Its population quickly rose, filling the inner city and new neighbourhoods had to be built outside the city walls.

The city's museum is now located in the old town hall right in the middle of the old centre. It has a display on the town's history and it holds art exhibitions.

The old center is both intimate and picturesque and is surrounded by 17th century earth ramparts.



The Old Townhall.

Historic buildings, a variety of shops, pubs and restaurants can be found in the old town centre.

In the old harbour many traditional boats are moored.

In winter, the river water rises against the town walls. Then wooden boards, fitting in a double row of slots in the side walls, are put up.

The space in-between is filled up with a mixture of clay and cow droppings.

A mixture, that has proven over centuries, to be watertight.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang



Picturesque historic building.



The Boat Harbour.



Gorinchem's Museum.



Windmill on the Bastion.

Codebreaker and Sudoku Puzzles

	13		5		19		19		15		12		15			
13	6	16	3	T	14	8	C		8	4	19	14	26	5	19	20
	3		19		9		9		8		16		20			
26	13	17	3	9	14	26	16		9	13	21	17	2	2		
	9		17		10		21		16					17		
2	14	6	13	10		24	19	21	5		17	18	15	11		
	16		5				3		5		26					
8	9	16	25	17	13	3		21	13	10	9	16	8	12		
			17		15		7			13		4				
16	16	23	13		13	6	19	7		5	25	17	14	10		
	8				8		26		21		17		22			
16	8	13	15	16	3		7	19	9	23	14	1	19	26		
	17		13		9		19		14		3		15			
21	15	17	13	21	14	9	10		5	14	13	9	9	19		
	3		12		8		13		12		10		11			

CODEBREAKER PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter always.

For this puzzle only the **first three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these letters throughout the puzzle first and then start guessing your first word.

If you are unsure, use a pencil to start, then if it does not work out you can erase and start again.

The last Codebreaker was fairly difficult, but not the first word "Cacti." After that you needed "Antiquity and Fifteenth" and you were well on the way to completion. The solution of the last month's Codebreaker was: A=23; B=24; C=8; D=10; E=26; F=4; G=15; H=17; I=14; J=16; K=19; L=6; M=2; N=21; O=5; P=9; Q=22; R=13; S=12; T=18; U=20; V=1; W=11; X=25; Y=7; Z=3.

~~A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z~~

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		T					C					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
I												

Last month's Easy Sudoku solution

2	4	6	9	8	5	3	1	7
3	5	7	1	2	4	6	8	9
8	9	1	3	6	7	5	2	4
4	6	2	5	3	1	9	7	8
7	8	3	6	9	2	4	5	1
5	1	9	4	7	8	2	3	6
6	3	8	2	1	9	7	4	5
9	7	5	8	4	3	1	6	2
1	2	4	7	5	6	8	9	3

Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column, but each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku - Easy #11

5			6			9	8	7
	2							4
	9	1		3				6
	5	2		6			7	
1	6	9			7	5		
3		7	9			8		
			7	1	5	6		
	1		2		6		3	
					8		4	

Sudoku - Moderate #11

5	6			7	3	8		
	3	7	4		8		1	
		4				7		
	1			4			6	
2		3		6	9			5
1			5				2	
	5		9	2	6	4		
	4			3				

Last month's Moderate Sudoku solution

5	7	3	4	6	8	1	9	2
9	6	1	7	3	2	4	8	5
8	2	4	9	5	1	7	3	6
2	4	9	8	1	6	3	5	7
6	1	5	2	7	3	8	4	9
3	8	7	5	9	4	2	6	1
4	9	6	1	8	7	5	2	3
1	3	2	6	4	5	9	7	8
7	5	8	3	2	9	6	1	4

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